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Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language abstract of the foreign-language document has been provided. U.S. published application No. 2003/0191534 is the U.S. counterpart of the French application cited.


Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		2002/0111683	8/15/02	Ralph, et al.			
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